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In the Matter of:) No. 444 445 INC
INHOUSE HOME WARRANTY, INC., and KUCHYNKA, BROCK) No. 11A-145-INS)
 , <u></u>	ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST
Respondents.)

The Arizona Department of Insurance ("Department") has received evidence that Respondents have unlawfully offered or issued service contracts in the State of Arizona and engaged in unfair trade practices. Accordingly, the Director of Insurance of the State of Arizona (the "Director") makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and enters the following Order pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 20-1095.09(B).

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. InHouse Home Warranty, Inc. ("InHouse") is an Arizona corporation that is not in good standing with the Arizona Corporation Commission. InHouse issues service contracts to Arizona residents. InHouse held a permit with the Department as a service company which expired on December 31, 2009.
- InHouse's address of record with the Department is: 9035 E. Pima Center
 Parkway, Suite 9, Scottsdale, Arizona 85258.
 - 3. Brock Kuchynka ("Kuchynka") is InHouse's sole Director.
- InHouse holds an Arizona Registrar of Contractor K-39 license for Air Conditioning, Refrigeration and Heating, License Number 248325.
- 5. On February 25, 2009, the Department filed an Order Summarily Suspending Service Company Permit and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, In the Matter of InHouse Home Warranty, Inc., Docket No. 09A-017-INS ("Order"). The Order suspended InHouse's permit for failure to maintain its statutorily required surety bond. The Department sent the

Order by certified mail, return receipt requested, to both InHouse and Kuchynka. The Post Office returned signed green cards from both InHouse and Kuchynka.

- 5. InHouse failed to appeal the Order.
- 6. Because InHouse failed to renew its permit, it expired on December 31, 2009.
- 7. InHouse is not exempt from the permit requirement.

UNLICENSED ACTIVITY

RYAN COMPLAINT

8. On or about October 1, 2009, InHouse issued a home warranty service contract to Jessica Ryan ("Ryan"). On October 26, 2011, Ryan filed a Complaint with the Department stating that she filed a claim for repair of her air conditioning unit and was getting no response from InHouse.

GORDON COMPLAINT

9. On or about March 13, 2010, InHouse issued a two-year home warranty service contract to Elaine Gordon ("Gordon"). Gordon made two payments on the contract totaling \$900. On November 2, 2011, Gordon filed a Complaint with the Department stating that InHouse failed to repair her refrigerator and failed to return her calls over a four week period.

JONES COMPLAINT

10. On or about November 20, 2010, InHouse issued a home warranty service contract to Dennis Jones ("Jones") on four homes. Jones made payments on the contract totaling \$2,000. On November 1, 2011, Dennis Jones ("Jones") filed a complaint with the Department stating that he had contacted InHouse on October 15, 2011 for repair to an oven. On October 19, 2011, InHouse called Jones and told him to expect a call from Valley Wide Appliance. Since that time, Jones has not received any repairs on the oven and repeated attempts to contact InHouse have failed.

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BOHNEN COMPLAINT

11, On or about May 16, 2011, Robert Bohnen ("Bohnen") purchased a home warranty service contract from InHouse. Bohnen paid \$775 for the contract. On October 27, 2011, Bohnen filed a Complaint with the Department stating that InHouse failed to cover repairs to his air conditioning unit.

AYRES COMPLAINT

12. On or about July 8, 2011, InHouse issued a home warranty service contract to Joann Ayres ("Ayres"). Ayres paid \$460 for the contract. On October 26, 2011, Ayres filed a Complaint with the Department stating that InHouse failed to repair her clothes dryer and failed to return her calls.

BRASHEAR COMPLAINT

13. On or about October 19, 2011, InHouse issued a home warranty service contract to Kenneth Brashear ("Brashear"). Brashear paid \$425 for the contract. On November 14, 2011, Brashear filed a Complaint with the Department stating that InHouse went out of business two weeks after he paid his payment which he would like refunded.

BRYZELAK COMPLAINT

14. On or about July 13, 2011, InHouse issued a home warranty service contract to Desiree Bryzelak ("Bryzelak"). Bryzelak paid \$350 for the contract. On November 17, 2011, Bryzelak filed a Complaint with the Department stating that InHouse went out of business and hasn't had a bond since 2009. Bryzelak requested that InHouse return her payment.

CARLSON COMPLAINT

15. On or about June 30, 2011, InHouse issued a home warranty service contract to Dwight Carlson ("Carlson"). Carlson paid \$475 for the contract. On November 14, 2011, Carlson filed a Complaint with the Department stating that InHouse failed to return his payment when he cancelled his contract on August 4, 2011.

DEMPSEY COMPLAINT

16. On or about June 12, 2011, InHouse issued a home warranty service contract for two homes to James Dempsey ("Dempsey"). Dempsey paid \$375 for each contract. On November 11, 2011, Dempsey filed a Complaint with the Department stating that InHouse failed to pay a claim of \$1500 for repairs to the air conditioning unit of one of the homes and requesting return of the payment on both policies.

GANT COMPLAINT

17. On or about August 1, 2011, InHouse issued a home warranty service contract to Asina Gant ("Gant"). Gant paid two installments of \$82.50 for the contract. On October 20, 2011, InHouse refunded one of the installments for \$82.50. On November 15, 2011, Gant filed a Complaint with the Department stating that InHouse had gone out of business and seeking return of the remaining \$82.50 payment she paid.

HERNDON COMPLAINT

18. On or about November 3, 2011, InHouse issued a home warranty service contract to Barbara Herndon ("Herndon"). Herndon paid \$389 for the contract. On November 10, 2011, Herndon filed a Complaint with the Department stating that InHouse had gone out of business and seeking refund of the payment paid.

LOWY COMPLAINT

19. On or about November 10, 2011, Gary Lowy filed a Complaint with the Department stating that InHouse had gone out of business and seeking refund of payment paid on 6 contracts and an APS rebate for work done on an air-conditioning unit. Lowy renewed and made payments (total of \$1,458.17) for the following contracts:

On January 1, 2011 - \$375 due - \$312.50 paid

On January 1, 2011 - \$450 due - \$375.00 paid

On June 3, 2011 - \$425 due - \$177.06 paid

On June 3, 2011 - \$475 due - \$197.87 paid

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Lowy is seeking refund of payments in the amount of \$1,216.83 and an APS rebate in the amount of \$150 for a total refund of \$1,391.83.

PRATT COMPLAINT

20. On or about March 10, 2011, InHouse issued a home warranty service contract to Melisa Pratt ("Pratt"). Pratt paid \$375 for the contract. On November 18, 2011, Pratt filed a Complaint with the Department stating that when she tried to call InHouse for repair of her hot water heater, she could not contact anyone and seeking return of the payment she paid for the contract.

RODRIGUEZ COMPLAINT

21. On or about August 22, 2011, InHouse issued a home warranty service contract to Ralph Rodriguez ("Rodriguez"). Rodriguez paid \$375 for the contract. On November 15, 2011, Rodriguez filed a Complaint with the Department stating that InHouse had gone out of business and seeking return of his payment.

STARK COMPLAINT

22. On or about April 28, 2011, InHouse issued a home warranty service contract to Martin Stark ("Stark"). Stark paid a total of \$950 (\$575 and \$375) in payments for two contracts. On November 14, 2011, Stark filed a Complaint with the Department stating that InHouse had gone out of business and seeking return of \$420 in payments.

HALL COMPLAINT

23. On or about July 22, 2011, InHouse issued a home warranty service contract to Jayme Hall ("Hall"). Hall paid \$475 for the contract. On November 23, 2011, Hall filed a Complaint with the Department stating that when he tried to report a claim to InHouse he could not contact anyone at the company. Hall requested return of his payment.

UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES

KOSOWAN COMPLAINT

24. On or about January 29, 2007, InHouse issued a five-year home warranty service contract to Gary Kosowan ("Kosowan"). Kosowan paid \$730 for the contract. On October 31, 2011, Kosowan filed a Complaint with the Department stating that InHouse failed to repair his water taps and failed to return his calls.

HERTER COMPLAINT

25. On or about July 14, 2008, InHouse issued a four-year warranty service contract to Nancy Herter ("Herter"). Herter paid \$395 for the contract. On October 27, 2011, Herter filed a Complaint with the Department stating that InHouse failed to repair a dishwasher on rental property owned by Herter and failed to return her calls.

GORDON COMPLAINT

26. On or about June 12, 2008, InHouse issued a warranty service contract to Mark Gordon ("Gordon"). Gordon paid \$655 for the contract (which was renewed on June 12, 2009 for \$680, on June 12, 2010 for \$680 and on June 12, 2011 for \$542), On October 26, 2011, Gordon filed a Complaint with the Department stating that InHouse made misrepresentations regarding licensed contractors, failed to adequately repair his irrigation system, pool equipment, energy recovery ventilator ("ERV"), refrigerator and failed to return his calls.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Director has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. Respondents' conduct, as alleged above, constitutes offering and issuing service contracts without a permit, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-1095.01(A).
- 3. InHouse is not exempt from the permit requirement, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-1095.02(A).

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- 4. Service company contracts issued by InHouse are enforceable and valid contracts, within the meaning of A.R.S. §20-1095.05.
- 5. Respondents' conduct, as alleged above, constitutes the failure to perform the services promised under the service contract within a reasonable time and in a competent manner, which is an unfair trade practice within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-1095.09(A)(1).
- 6. Grounds exist for the Director to order Respondents to cease and desist their violations pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-1095.09(B).

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. Respondents shall immediately cease and desist from offering or soliciting warranty service contract applications, taking or proposing to make any warranty service contract, taking or receiving any application for warranty service contracts, taking or collecting any payment, fees, commission, or any other consideration for any warranty service contract, issuing or delivering warranty service contracts to residents of this state, or otherwise offering or issuing service contracts to Arizona residents by any means including through an online website.
- 2. Respondents shall pay all valid claims arising out of acts covered by any and all service contract issued by them to Arizona residents for so long as such claims may legally be brought against the contract holders.
- 3. This Order shall become effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until otherwise stayed, modified, vacated or set aside.

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

Pursuant to Title 20 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, Respondents are hereby notified that they may request a hearing pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-161 to contest the order to cease and desist. Such a request must be in writing and received at the following address within thirty (30) days from the date hereof:

Arizona Department of Insurance 2910 North 44th Street, Suite 210 Phoenix, Arizona 85012 ATTN: Director's Office

Upon receipt of a timely written request for hearing, the Director will issue an order setting the time and place of the hearing.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 2th day of December, 2011.

CHRISTINA URIAS, Director Arizona Department of Insurance

COPY of the foregoing mailed this 2nd day of Dec., 2011 to:

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